

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 21, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department,
555 N. Court, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

Present: Charles Smith, Angie Goral (Chair), Richard Kunnert, Matthew Toohey, Sandra Martell (ex officio)

Absent: Philip Eaton, Carol Klint

Support Staff Present: Mike Bacon, Karen Fiery, Harlan Johnson, Mary Ann Abate and John Barlow (recorder)

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Introduction of Guests / Public Participation: No guests present.

Approval of Agenda: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Matthew Toohey moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to set the agenda, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes. Richard Kunnert moved and Dr. Charles Smith seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Finalization of Report: Angie Goral and Richard Kunnert briefed the committee members regarding the meeting held with the County Chairman. Two priorities were discussed that would provide an immediate impact; funding of the Rosecrance triage crisis center and local hospitalization for children with behavioral health issues. Tasking was given to determine what the funding requirements for Crisis center are. The Chairman is willing to be an advocate and discuss funding options with the hospital systems.

Discussion was held on the Chairman, Angie Goral and Richard Kunnert conducting a future meeting with the Editorial board to discuss the report. The Chairman did agree with housing the report at the County and the Health department.

Mary Ann Abate provided the history, services provided, and the value of the Rosecrance mental health crisis center. She also provided the funding requirements required to bring the crisis center back to full operation.

Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports:

a. Data/Survey: Nothing to report.

b. Messaging/Marketing:

i. Approval of Minutes: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2016 Messaging/Marketing Committee minutes. Matthew Toohey moved and Dr. Smith seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

ii. Development of Media Plan: Sandra Martell briefed that a one-page white paper will be drafted to provide the Committee an organized uniform message. The white paper will address the key findings and the strategic recommendations. Request that the Committee members review the annual report and provide inputs on the key findings that they would like included and groups to outreach to with the findings by Friday, July 22, 2016.

The Messaging/Marketing Committee will be meeting to review the packet during the next two weeks. The target is to have the packet complete by August 15, 2016 and to schedule a meeting with the editorial board for that week.

c. Funding/Recommendations: Discussion was held on sales tax initiatives and encounter surcharges.

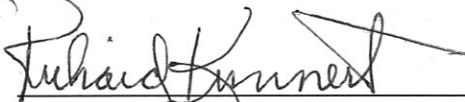
Additions: Discussion was held on the proposed Illinois 1115 Medicaid waiver proposal. Discussion included the limitations and advantages of the proposed waiver. The first phase is centered on behavioral health. Services in future will need to become Medicaid services or be part of the waiver.

Matthew Toohey informed the committee members that the Illinois Partners for Human Services will be conducting a summit about the value of human services on September 14, 2016. Information on the summit will be distributed to the committee members.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. with a motion by Richard Kunnert and seconded by Angie Goral, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

8/18/2016
Date



Richard Kunnert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: August 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.; Winnebago County Health, 555 N. Court St., Room 115, Rockford, IL